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SUBJECT: MIN. JUSTICE VOGEL TO SEEK MUNICH BUNDESTAG SEAT

1. RELIABLE, WELL-CONNECTED SPD SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT MIN. JUSTICE HANS-JOCHEN VOGEL DESIRES TO BE SPD CANDIDATE FOR "MUNICH NORTH" BUNDESTAG ELECTORAL DISTRICT (DISTRICT 205). SOURCE REPORTS VOGEL HAS SAID HE WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION IF DISTRICT NOMINATING CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 28, GIVES HIM MAJORITY OF ONLY 51 PERCENT. EARLIER IN WEEK VOGEL DECLINED TO BECOME CANDIDATE IN DISTRICT 209, WHICH COMPRISES LARGE PART OF SUBURBAN MUNICH AND IS CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY CSU, BECAUSE JOSEF ERTL, FDP LAND CHAIRMAN (BAVARIA) AND MIN. FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, PLANS TO STAND FOR ELECTION THERE.

2. MUNICH NORTH, WHICH IS ONE OF FIVE BUNDESTAG ELECTORAL DISTRICTS IN MUNICH PROPER, IS CONSIDERED

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SAFE SPD SEAT. SPD INCUMBENT, WHO IS REGARDED AS

MOST MODERATE OF MUNICH'S FIVE SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES,
IS RETIRING FOR HEALTH REASONS.

3. VOGEL IS REPORTEDLY CONFIDENT HE WILL BE NOMINATED,
AND INFLUENTIAL LOCAL SPD OFFICIALS ARE MAKING EFFORT
TO PERSUADE THREE OF HIS FOUR POTENTIAL OPPONENTS FOR
SPD NOMINATION TO WITHDRAW. SOURCE BELIEVES THESE
EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL, LEAVING RADICAL LEFTIST
JUERGEN HECKEL AS VOGEL'S ONLY OPPONENT.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME FAIRLY STRONG
LEFTISTS IN SPD ORGANIZAZATION IN MUNICH NORTH, THE
VOTERS ARE BASICALLY LABOR-ORIENTED AND VOGEL SHOULD
HAVE EXCELLENT PROSPECTS OF ELECTION. VOGEL, WHO CUR-
RENTLY REPRESENTS NO DIRECT CONSITUENCY, WILL PRESUMABLY
CONTINUE TO HEAD SPD LAND LIST AS HE DID IN 1972. ERTL
WILL PRESUMABLY ALSO REMAIN AT HEAD OF FDP LAND LIST.SPIVACK

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